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This electronic newsletter is a service to the members of ESERA provided by the ESERA Executive.

Earlier issues of this newsletter can be found on the ESERA Website.

The deadline for messages to be included in the next issue of this newsletter is April 15, 2008.

ESERA Summer School 2010

The previous issue of this newsletter stated that the 2010 Summer School will be held in Modena, Italy. This was a mistake. The correct location is Udine, Italy. Chair of the local organising committee is Marisa Michelini.

New PhDs

The following abstracts of recently completed PhDs have been added to the ESERA Website. Congratulations to:

- Heike Sturm – [Bird flight and uplift: Cognitive learning in working stations with regard to motivational aspects](#)
- Karsten Rincke – [Development of language and learning in mechanics lessons](#)
- Ayelet Baram-Tsabari – [What do students want to know about science? Using students' questions to identify their scientific interests](#)
- Pádraig Murphy – [Choosing identities: The politics and practices of classroom discourse on reproductive and genetic technologies](#)

ESERA at NARST 2008

The 'ESERA session' at NARST 2008 will be based on four papers reflecting the following theme: *The Impact of Science Education Research on Public Policy*.

Science Education in Europe: Critical Reflections

Science education, and the declining numbers of young people choosing to pursue the study of science in Europe, have recently been the focus of considerable attention. *Science Education in Europe: Critical Reflections* reports on the findings of two Nuffield-funded London seminars which drew together a group of leading science educators from across Europe. The report highlights the major issues confronting formal secondary science education, identifies similarities and differences between countries, and makes a series of recommendations for improvement in key areas.

Science Education Book Series

The University of York, UK and IPN in Kiel, Germany have published a series of books on science education:

- Bennett *et al.*: *Making a difference*
- Nentwig & Waddington: *Making it relevant*

Get direct access to these abstracts by clicking on the title

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- Waddington *et al.*: *Making it comparable*

Job advertisements

- The Hong Kong Institute of Education is looking for a number of Chair Professors and Professors. Closing date for applications: March 17, 2008.
- The Science and Technology Education Group (STEG) of the Department of Education and Professional Studies, King's College London is pleased to offer a 3-year fully-funded doctoral scholarship. Closing date for applications: April 15, 2008.
- The School of Education at the University of Southampton is looking for a Lecturer. Closing date for applications: March 31, 2008.

Remark – Sometimes job advertisements appear in the News Section of the ESERA Website just after E-News has been distributed, so the deadline for applications will have passed before the next issue. So, if you are looking for a (new) job, please check the News Section of the ESERA Website regularly.

BioEd Conference

Theme: Biological Sciences Ethics and Education: The Challenges of Sustainable Development. Venue: Dijon, France. Dates: June 24-28, 2008.

2008 Gordon Research Conference on Physics Research and Education

Theme: Computation and Computer-based Instruction. Venue: Bryant University, Smithfield RI, USA. Dates: June 8-13, 2008.

2008 ISDDE Conference

Theme: Linking Design Research to Professional Educational Design. Venue: Egmond aan Zee, the Netherlands. Dates: June 29 - July 2, 2008.

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